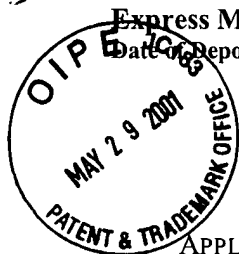


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APPLICANTS: Huston *et al.*
ASSIGNEE: Creative BioMolecules, Inc.
SERIAL NUMBER: 08/014,096 EXAMINER: J. Ulm
FILING DATE: February 14, 1993 ART UNIT: 1646
FOR: PRODUCT AND PROCESS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A HINGE REGION
INTO A FUSION PROTEIN TO FACILITATE CLEAVAGE

May 29, 2001
Boston, Massachusetts

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the November 27, 2000 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Tuesday, May 29, 2001 (Monday, May 28th being Memorial Day, a Federal Holiday). A check in the amount of \$445.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 00960-562). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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